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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NPW VISIT TO FIJI

REF: SUVA 221 (DTG 230400Z FEB 76) (NOTAL)

1. HAVING DISCUSSED RELATED ISSUES OF SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE AND NPW VISITS WITH FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER MARA DURING MY PERIODIC VISITS TO SUVA, I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT HE INDICATED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB HIS WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR AN NPW VISIT (REFTEL). IN ADDITION TO ITS VALUE IN TERMS OF US-FIJIAN RELATIONS, IF SUCH A VISIT TOOK PLACE BEFORE AN NPW VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND IT WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL POLITICAL SIDE EFFECTS IN NEW ZEALAND (I.E., CUTTING CONSIDERABLE GROUND OUT FROM UNDER OPPONENTS OF NPW VISITS).

2. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT IF OPERATIONALLY POSSIBLE PLANS BE MADE FOR THE USS TRUXTON TO VISIT FIJI EN ROUTE TO NEW ZEALAND (SEE SEPTEL). I ALSO
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RECOMMEND THAT A REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE TO VISIT FIJI BE

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MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHOULD ANY DIFFICULTIES BE
ENCOUNTERED IN OBTAINING CLEARANCE, I WOULD BE ABLE TO
TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH PRIME MINISTER MARA DURING
MY APRIL 20-25 VISIT TO SUVA.
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